

Counts of accidental overdose deaths involving cocaine, methamphetamine, or opioids in San Francisco, CA 2006-2018

Substance(s)*	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016†	2017†	2018†	% Change 2017-18
Total (Opioid, Cocaine, or Methamphetamine)	181	183	163	182	174	179	183	209	211	187	186	222	259	17%
Cocaine/Crack	134	117	84	78	77	82	77	86	88	72	71	89	101	13%
Methamphetamine	36	34	21	27	32	40	45	61	62	81	88	99	126	27%
Any Opioid	103	115	113	134	123	122	113	132	127	101	104	135	177	31%
Heroin	35	27	27	23	10	13	19	25	36	32	42	48	60	25%
Prescription Opioids§	72	91	86	114	110	111	97	111	98	66	55	64	70	9%
Fentanyl	5	3	5	8	6	10	6	6	8	11	22	36	89	147%

Source: Prepared by the San Francisco Department of Public Health on 5 August 2019 based on data from the California Electronic Death Registration System (CA-EDRS) via the Vital Records Business Intelligence System (VRBIS) database accessed on 31 July 2019. Substance-related overdose deaths were identified using textual cause of death fields; homicides and suicides were excluded.

*Substance categories are not mutually exclusive; a single death can contribute to counts in multiple categories if the death involved multiple substances.

†40 (22%), 38 (17%), and 56 (22%) of total decedents in 2016, 2017, and 2018, respectively, were determined to be homeless through manual review.

§Prescription opioids include buprenorphine, codeine, hydrocodone, hydromorphone, meperidine, methadone, morphine, oxycodone, oxymorphone, propoxyphene, and other opioids not otherwise specified.